

Moran Statement on FCC's Intent to Regulate the Internet

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Congressman Jerry Moran issued the following statement regarding a recent announcement by Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Chairman Julius Genachowski, of the FCC's intention to regulate Internet service providers.

"I am concerned the FCC is acting without the consent of Congress to regulate the Internet. Additional regulations and restrictions may have a negative impact on Kansas providers and diminish their ability to serve Kansas communities," said Moran. "In May, I joined Congressional leaders in urging Chairman Genachowski to halt plans to regulate the Internet and to allow Congress time to complete its work. Important decisions about the future of the Internet should be made by Congress, not the FCC. I will continue to support broadband expansion in our state and will work hard to prevent government agencies from jeopardizing Kansans' access to broadband services."

In April, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia issued the *Comcast Corp. v. FCC* ruling, which stated the FCC lacked authority to impose network neutrality restrictions on Comcast. Following the court decision, Chairman Genachowski announced the FCC planned to reclassify broadband as a phone service rather than its traditional classification as a telecommunications service in order to regulate service providers. Last week, the FCC voted 3-2 to launch a notice of inquiry (NOI), which asks for public comments on the reclassification proposal.

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